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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Andy Marshall, Director  
Net Assessment Office  
Department of Defense

SUBJECT : Estimated Military Assistance  
to Arab Belligerents

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Attached are the tables you requested on  
military assistance to the Arab belligerents  
since 1967. An information copy is also being  
provided to [redacted] the NIO for the Middle  
East. If you have any further questions please  
call [redacted]

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Table V. 14

COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES

|                     | Current<br>GNP (\$ M) | Percent of<br>Real Annual<br>Increase in<br>GNP | Defense<br>Expenditure | Per Capita<br>(\$ GNP | Percent of<br>Annual<br>Increase<br>in Per<br>Capita<br>Income | Total<br>Foreign<br>Debt      | Percent<br>of Annual<br>Increase<br>in Foreign<br>Debt | Net<br>Balance<br>of<br>Payments<br>(\$ M) | Current<br>Estimated<br>Currency<br>Reserves<br>(\$ M) | Annual<br>Rate of<br>Inflation |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I. Israel           | 9,000                 | 5-6                                             | 3.7 b                  | 2,700                 | 2-3                                                            | 6,300m                        | 50/yr                                                  | -600                                       | 1,200<br>(Dec 74)                                      | 40%                            |
| II. Egypt           | 8,000                 | 5                                               | NA                     | 225                   | 2                                                              | 1,700 m<br>(civilian<br>only) | NA                                                     | 200                                        | 600                                                    | 10-15%                         |
| III. Syria          | 2,150                 | 7.5                                             | 394 m                  | 293                   | 4.5                                                            | NA                            | NA                                                     | NA                                         | 733<br>(Oct 74)                                        | NA                             |
| IV. Jordan          | 900                   | 3                                               | 146 m                  | 350                   | 3                                                              | 250 m<br>(approx<br>72)       | 10-15                                                  | 100<br>(est)                               | 470<br>(Dec 74)                                        | 10-15%                         |
| V. Iraq             | 10,700                | 85                                              | 800 m                  | 975                   | 81                                                             | 238 m                         | --                                                     | 3,500                                      | 3,300<br>(Dec 74)                                      | 13%                            |
| VI. Saudi<br>Arabia | 35,200                | 225                                             | 2.5 b                  | 5,900                 | 215                                                            | None                          | --                                                     | 10,000                                     | 14,000<br>(est 74)                                     | NA                             |
| VII. Kuwait         | 9,600                 | 118                                             | 141 m                  | 9,710                 | 99                                                             | --                            | --                                                     | 4,400                                      | 8,900<br>(Dec 74)                                      | 10%                            |

Note: Data/estimates for 1974 unless specified otherwise.

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Table 18

Soviet Military Aid Commitments\*  
Since the October War

|                   | Million US \$ |              |              |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|                   | <u>Egypt</u>  | <u>Syria</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Grants            | 150 a/        | 250 a/       | 400          |
| Loans             | 485           | 865          | 1,350        |
| Total             | 635           | 1,115        | 1,750        |
| Grants % of Loans | 24%           | 22%          | 23%          |

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Table V. 23. A

Soviet and East European Arms Deliveries to Egypt, Syria, and Iraq, 1967 - 1974

| Million US \$ |               |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------|---------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Recipient     | Supplier      | Total | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
| Egypt         |               |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|               | Soviet        | 2,110 | 170  | 100  | 90   | 640  | 350  | 250  | 450  | 80   |
|               | East European | 138   | 5    | 15   | 12   | 37   | 11   | 33   | 75   | 11   |
|               | Total         | 2,248 | 175  | 115  | 102  | 677  | 361  | 283  | 465  | 91   |
| Syria         |               |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|               | Soviet        | 1,543 | 48   | 35   | 35   | 50   | 100  | 150  | 700  | 435  |
|               | East European | 60    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 10   | 9    | ...  | 51   | 14   |
|               | Total         | 1,603 | 50   | 38   | 37   | 60   | 109  | 150  | 751  | 449  |
| Iraq          |               |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|               | Soviet        | 913   | 70   | 100  | 52   | 35   | 30   | 80   | 296  | 276  |
|               | East European | 110   | 3    | 20   | 15   | 10   | 5    | 3    | 4    | 61   |
|               | Total         | 1,023 | 73   | 120  | 67   | 45   | 35   | 83   | 300  | 337  |

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